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1. Consumer Protection and Commerce
2. Intrastate Commerce
3. Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs

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### *Aloha Neighbor,*

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families had a wonderful holiday season.

The 2019 Legislative Session opened on January 16th. This year, my new committee assignments are Consumer Protection and Commerce; Intrastate Commerce; and Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

This will be a very busy session for the Legislature as many familiar issues are expected to come up such as minimum wage, homelessness, and affordable housing. Included in this newsletter is a survey to get your direct input on these issues.

Please get involved in the legislative process and voice your ideas and concerns. Please contact my office whenever I can be of assistance to you.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

## MEET MY 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION STAFF



**Li Cobian** (left), is serving as my Volunteer/ Community Liaison this session. A USC-trained biochemist and a successful business owner, Li's passion for helping others has guided him to volunteering much of his spare time to supporting automotive and STEM-related programs for keiki in Colorado, Texas, and Hawaii.

**Scot Shimamura** (right), is serving as my Committee Clerk. While working for Capitol TV, Scot quickly found that he enjoyed listening to committee hearings so much that he decided to jump in with both feet. He brings with him experience from owning businesses and degrees in public relations/journalism and communications. Should you have any questions regarding legislation, please contact Scot at 586-8458 or [kong1@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:kong1@capitol.hawaii.gov).

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*Even a little rain couldn't stop Representative Kong from celebrating the holiday season. Pictured is Rep Kong with friends and family at the Aiea Christmas Parade that was held on December 8, 2018.*

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## **How to... Receive Hearing Notices by E-mail**

*Now that the all House Bills have been introduced, they will soon be scheduled for public hearings. You can ask the Hawaii State Legislature's website to alert you when a measure you are interested in gets scheduled for a hearing. It's a great way to make sure you don't miss an important opportunity to offer testimony.*

1. Go to the **Legislature's website** ([www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)) and click on "**Sign In**" (upper right corner of the page) and enter your email address and password.\*
2. Next, click on the **orange "Hearing Notification" icon** located in center screen.
3. **Subscribe by measure** To receive hearing notices for specific bills or resolutions, enter the measure number ("HB123" or "SB2496", for example - no spaces, and don't include any draft numbers) in the column on the left and click "**Add.**" You can do this for any number of measures.
4. **Subscribe by committee** To receive hearing notices from specific committees, go to the column on the right which lists the committees and simply check off the ones you're interested in.
5. When done, **click the "Save and Exit" button** centered near the top of the page. (It's easy to come back anytime, sign in again, and change your selections.)



As soon as any of the requested hearing notices are posted, they will be sent to you by email.

## 2019 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

I would like your input regarding community priorities. Your feedback will be very valuable in prioritizing issues during this legislative session. Please include your name, street address, and email when completing the survey. Surveys can be returned 1) Online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3DNWZQ5>, 2) Scan and email to [c.kionia@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:c.kionia@capitol.hawaii.gov), by 3) Mail, or by 4) Phone call at **(808) 586-8456**. Please complete the survey by **February 20, 2019**. Results will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

**Name:**

**Street Address :**

**Email:**

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**PART 1:** Please check the **TOP 5 items** that are the highest priority:

\_\_\_\_\_ Aloha Stadium renovation or replacement

\_\_\_\_\_ Job Creation

\_\_\_\_\_ Climate change, sustainability

\_\_\_\_\_ Lack of affordable housing

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost of living

\_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Wage

\_\_\_\_\_ Crime/public safety

\_\_\_\_\_ Monster Homes

\_\_\_\_\_ Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Jail (Halawa)

\_\_\_\_\_ Elder care

\_\_\_\_\_ Rail

\_\_\_\_\_ Health Care

\_\_\_\_\_ Traffic

\_\_\_\_\_ Homelessness

\_\_\_\_\_ Other/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2:** For this section, please respond to the following statements indicating how strongly you agree or disagree.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
The state should support <b>legalizing</b> marijuana (legal to possess and use).					
The state should support <b>de-criminalizing</b> marijuana (lessening of criminal penalties for certain minor acts).					
The state should legalize gambling.					
I would support a motorsport park on Oahu to decrease illegal racing.					
I would support a park and community center in Aiea, across the new library.					





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## LAWS EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019

**Act 2– HB 2739 HD1, Our Care, Our Choice.** Establishes a regulated process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal illness and less than six months to live may choose to obtain a prescription for medication to end the patient’s life.

**Act 45– SB 3095 SD1 HD1 CD1, Mandatory Pesticide Disclosure:** Requires all users of restricted use pesticides to be subject to a requirement to report on their use of restricted use pesticides to the Department of Agriculture. Prohibits the use of a restricted use pesticide on or within 100 feet of a school during normal school hours. Prohibits the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient.

**Act 108– SB 2351 SD1 HD1 CD1, Wage Secrecy:** Prohibits prospective employers from requesting or considering a job applicant’s wage or salary history as part of an employment application process or compensation offer. Prohibits enforced wage secrecy and retaliation or discrimination against employees who disclose, discuss, or inquire, about their own or coworkers’ wages.

**Act 217– SB 2461 SD1 HD1 CD1, Service Animals:** Establishes a civil penalty for knowingly misrepresenting an animal as a service animal. Conforms Hawaii law with the definition of “service animal” under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.